

Amendment No. 1 to HB0885

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1561

House Bill No. 885*

by deleting the language " a public postsecondary institution in this state or combination of public postsecondary institutions" in Section 67-11-105 of the amendatory language of Section 1 and by substituting instead the language " an eligible postsecondary institution, as such institution is defined in Section 49-4-902,"

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following as a new Section 67-11-1__ to the end of the amendatory language of Section 1:

67-11-1__.

(a)

(1) The initial phase of implementation of this part shall be as a pilot project at two sites in this state in Shelby County and Knox County as specified in subsection (b). The design and study of the pilot phase shall be led by a design phase group consisting of representatives of the University of Tennessee system, the board of regents of the state university and community college system, the Tennessee higher education commission, the Knox County School District, and the City of Memphis and Shelby County School Districts. These participants are to work as equal partners during the design phase of the pilot. The design phase shall include an examination of the experience of the adoption and implementation of the Promise Zone concept in other states.

(2) The design phase shall be principally overseen by a design oversight board consisting of the chief executive officer, the chief fiscal officer and the chief academic officer from each of the University of Tennessee system, the board of regents of the state university and community college system, the Tennessee

higher education commission and the school districts for Knox County, and the City of Memphis and Shelby County. Together, the six institutions comprising the design oversight board will designate a design team comprised of one individual each to represent the institutions as a co-principal investigator and together they shall appoint one external person to serve as the project director of the design team. This design team shall meet at least quarterly to review progress and make recommendations. The design phase team shall make recommendations concerning the implementation of the provisions of this part as a pilot project, which shall include a schedule for implementation of the pilot phase and a plan for evaluating the pilot.

(3) The design phase shall begin on July 1, 2009 and shall end on December 31, 2010. The phase shall also include the following milestones:

(A) By July 31, 2009, the representatives of the design phase group designated under subdivision (a)(1) shall have met and appointed a general project director and a design team. The design team shall meet and develop a schedule for the design phase and establish roles and commitments for each participant.

(B) By August 31, 2009, the project director shall have contacted the team's participating academic institutions and appropriate local elected officials in Knox and Shelby counties to inform them about the pilot project. The design team shall also convene an initial quarterly meeting of the design oversight board designated in (a)(1).

(C) The results of the design phase shall be reported to the select oversight committee on education not later than September 30, 2010.

(4) The project director and the oversight board director shall be responsible for seeing to it that the design process is conducted and shall work with each member of the design team to ensure that steady progress is made in carrying out the design phase.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, no provision of Sections 67-11-103—67-11-112, inclusive, may be implemented except as a pilot project in accordance with this section. After completion of the design phase, Sections 67-11-103 –67-11-112, inclusive, may be implemented in the pilot project sites.

(b) The provisions of this part shall be operative only as a pilot project at two (2) sites in this state. One pilot project shall be located in the western grand division of the state within Shelby County in some portion of house of representatives district 86. The other pilot project site shall be located in Knox County in some portion of house of representatives district 15.

(c) Any funds required for the design phase shall be provided entirely from donations from private sources.

(d) The provisions of this part shall be repealed on June 30, 2014.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following language after the third sentence of Section 67-11-105(b)(1) of the amendatory language of Section 1:

In addition, the proposed promise of financial assistance shall, provide funding sufficient to provide an eligible student the tuition necessary to obtain a bachelor's degree and associate's degree, or program certificate or their equivalents at a public postsecondary institution, including technology centers, in this state or combination of public postsecondary institutions in this state, within the time frame authorized by other state-sponsored scholarships subject to any limitations authorized under this section.